Virginia—Fair Sunday and Monday:
Virginia—Fair Sunday and Monday:
fresh southwesterly winds.
North Carolina—Fair Sunday, colder in
extreme eastern portions; winds generally
southwesterly, light to fresh on the coast.
Monday fair.

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PRICE THREE CENTS.

BABES TRAMPLED BY MAD THRONG

Panic Caused by False Alarm of Fire.

AT LEAST SEVEN DEAD

Entire Audience Converted Into Fighting, Frantic Mob.

MANY OTHERS WERE INJURED.

Mothers Crazed By Fright Tossed Their Infants From the Balcony Into the Throng Below, Where They Were Trampled to Death-The Alarm

False.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Six people were rrushed to death and as many more se

About eight hundred people were in the lace, gathered to witness the performnce of a play entitled "The Greenhorn, The following people were killed and it

George Shaffer, aged nine years.

Mrs. Annie Selomon.

Mrs. Samuel Mendelssohn.

Annie Goldberg, aged seven • ars.

Regina Millenbach, aged four years.

Birdie Xidman.

Rebecca Liddsey.

Six persons are missing.

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The play was nearly over when the cry
which caused the panic was raised, and
within five seconds after it rang through
the half the entire audience was converted into a frantic mob, every member of
which was ighting for safety.

PARIST SPANDE ID AVER.

BABES TRAMPLED OVER.

Around the upper part of the hall extends a baleony which was open at one end, Here were seated 150 women and children, and the women at the farther end of the baleony began at once to throw the little ones over the railing to the thoor, ten feet below. The children fell into the midst of the maddened throng and were at once trampled under their feet. Many of the women sprang from the halcony upon the crowd below.

Within five minutes after the beginning of the panic it was all over, and the policemen and firemen who came harrying to the scene of the disaster were called upon to de nothing beyond cirrying away the dead and injured and keeping back the thousands of people who tried to force their way into the building. BABES TRAMPLED OVER.

FOUGHT WITH OFFICERS.

Men and wemen fought desperately out the ifficers in their efforts to enter the building.

the building.

The alarm of fire was false, there having been no blaze. The furnace in the building is defective and at times allows sparks to pass up through the registers. It was the sight of these sparks rising into the room that trightened the man who raised the cry of fire.

It is impossible to secure a correct list of the dead and injured.

VANDERBILT-FRENCH WEDDING

Groom Tendered Guests an Elaborate

Dinner.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT, R. L. Jan. 12.—White the marriage of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt to Miss Eisle French does not occur until Monday, unite a large number of the meests arrived this evening.

The feature of the day was the elaborate diliner in the evening, which the bridegroom tendered to the guests of the wedding party, including the bridesmalls, the iishers and other friends. The diliner was given in the home of the bride at Harbor View, the residence of Mrs. French. The evening feativities were closed with an informal dance by the young people.

young people.

Preparations for the wedding are now nearly completed. The ceremony will take place in St. John's Church Monday at noon, followed by an elaborate breakfast served by Delmonico at the French weddones.

TO END STRIKES.

Committee On Conciliation and Arbis tration Meets in Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The first formal meeting of the Committee on conciliation and Arbitration, which was aspented by the National Civic Federation. December 11th, 1900, at a conference held in Chicago for that purpose; was held here to-day. The meeting of the committee was for the approximation of discussions of the committee was for the approximation of the committee was for the committee was for the committee of the committee was for the committee of the committee was for the committee of the committee of the committee was for the committee of the committee of the committee of the committee of the committee was for the committee of the purpose of discussing plans for the selec-tion of a National Arbitration and Con-cillatory Board, which is to aid, if so de-gired, between the employed and employer in all matters of dispute affecting all par

the interested.

The plan of those interested in the movement 's to do away with strikes and labor difficulties, affecting all mercantile and business interests and albranches of labor, organized and unorganized. organized.

ORDERED TO SIGN.

Negotiations Now Promise to Pregress Smoothly.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, January 12.—The Chinese peace commissioners have received orders from the Court to sign the joint note of the Danier.

It now seems likely that the peace negotiations will be conducted smoothly and speedily.

NOTHING FROM CONGER.

Etate Department Uninformed of Reported Events In China!

(By Associated Press.)
WAPHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The State Department is still without any advices from Minister Conger, either as to the rigning of the peace treaty or to-day's report that the Chinese envoys fave received orders from the court to sign. So far as the Department is informed, the status of Pekin remains unchanged. at Pekin remains unchanged.

The Report Unfounded. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Foreign Office of the New Chwang Shan Hai Kuan Rail-road to Russia by Lord Salisbury is unfounded. It polluts out that Great Brit-ain has no power to cede it, as the rail-road is Chinese property. Moreover, it is stipulated that it shall not be mort-gaged to any foreign government or com-uany.

Japan's Objections. (By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Jan. 12 .- A dispatch from Pekin says Japan's objections to the Pekin says Japan's objections to the United States proposal to transfer to some country other than China, the negotiations for the settlement of the questions at issue between the Powers and China were that for a conference outside of the Chinese Empire. Chinese statesmen would be invited whose in China is at present necessary, and that a knowledge of Chinese affairs such as is possessed by the accredited representatives at Pekin would be indispensible.

WORK OF CANADIANS.

Rendered Excellent Service in Chasing Boers. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 12.-A special dispatch LONDON, Jan. 12—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated January Ilth, and describing the fight of January 2th, near Commando Nek, dwells upon the excellent, work of Howard's 5-courts, a new corps composed of Canadians who remained in South Africa, and re-emisted. These scourts chased the retreating Boers a dis-tance of five miles, harrassing their rear and taking some prisoners. One of Delarey's horses, with wrilets containing the commandants papers ontaining the commandants papers trapped to its back and five hundred attle were also captured.

SHAMROCK II.

Little Progress Yet Made On Cup Challen ;er.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Dennys officially corroborate the off-denied statement that the firm is building Sir Thomas Lip-ton's America's cup challenger, the Shamrook II., and add the following: "Little progress has yet been made, bu the arrangements are all completed for rapid construction."

Discharged From West Point.

(By Associated Press,)

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 12.—As a re-cit of the mental examinations just con-luded, the following cadets found defi-ient in their studies, were among those his afternoon discharged from the Mili

this afternoon discharged from the Mili-tary Academy:
Third Class—W. H. Morton, Tennessee;
W. C. Bodman, North Carolina.
Fourth Class—T. M. Bunch, South Caro-lina; M. S. Davis, South Carolina; J. W. A. Halsey, Virginia; W. W. Pierce, North Carolina, Winn Blair, of Alabama, was turned back to join the fourth class.

Crew Abandoned the Tillamook, (By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALA. Jan. 12— Word was received to-day at the Mer-chants Exchange that the overdue United States mail steamer Tillamook was caught in the ice at Kullak, and abandoned by

The captrin and crew are reported to be on their way to Scattle.

Three Minor Accidents.

orge Hill, colored, was, cut on th eft arm in some mysterious way last right while near the First Police Sta-

coated during an "argument."
Robert Brown, colored, of St. John and Coutts Streets, attempted to close he shutters on a house, but cut his heek by being struck by the shutter, or, Fisher attended all of the injured.

ADMIRAL CERVERA DENIES REPORT

Cables Spanish Vice-Consul That His Alleged Illness Had No Foundation-Postal Clerk Brautigam. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 12.—Mr. Arthur Humphreys, Spanish Vice-Consul here, helieving-from press dispatches that Admiral Cervera was critically ill, cabled condelence to the Admiral's son, Lieu temant Augel Cervera. Back came a ca ble from the Admiral at Cadiz saying that the published reports that he was sick are faise and that he is perfectly

Admiral Cervera and Mr. Humphreys Admiral Cervera and Mr. Humphreys became friends when the Admiral, in 1898, visited woimded Spanish prisoners then in the United States Hospital here. 8. A. McNeal, former Assistant District Attoracy of Altoona, Pa., held here on the charge of embezzling \$618 from Mrs. Dreher, an Altoona client, must face the charge there. charge there.

An attempt to secure his release or

An attempt to secure his release on his apparent unwillingness of Governor of Pennsylvania Stone, failed because the authorities here were advised to-day that a requisition has been issued. This, it is amileipsted, will be presented to Governor of Virginia Tyler next Monday by an officer, who left Harrisburg for Richmond his morning.
Friends of Postal Clerk Brautigam, of

Richmond, are here arranging to give ball for him of \$2,500, which is the sum ball for him of \$2,500, which is the sum required by United States Commissioner Riddleberger. The fact that wholesale stealing of letters sent to and from Norfolk has for some months past been going on was made public here to-day by large firms in the shipping trade. Foreign letters appear to have been most extensively intercepted and destroyed, and many checks malled have never been heard from.

eard from.

A man who bought some alleged counry sausage here to-day said that he ound cat's claws in it. It is stated to ave been made in Baltimore. The mat-er, it is anticipated, will be the subject

GIANT CORPORATION.

American Cigar Company Organized With Capital of \$10,000,000.

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(By Associated Prest.)

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 12.—The American Cigar Company, capital \$10,000,000, was incorporated here to-day. James B. Duke is among the nine incorporators.

The company is understood to have been formed for the purpose of taking charge of the manufacturing department of the American Tobacco Company's business.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 12.-William Jennings Bryan announced to-night that the first issue of his paper, the Commoner, would appear Wednesday, January 23d.

IN MEMORY OF CUSHMAN K. DAVIS

nounced in Senate.

MR. DANIEL SPOKE. AT PISTOL'S POINT. SCIENCE VS. FACT

Close on Monday.

MR. CUTCHINGS' VALEDICTORY.

The Mississippi Representative Who Will Retire From Congress March 4th, After Fourteen Years' Service, Received a Marked

Ovation at Close of

His Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—No legislative ousiness of importance was transacted by the Senate to-day. The session was devoted to services held in memory of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis, of

The long and distinguished services of the Minneseta Senator and the intimate relations he sustained to his colleagues in the Senate had endeared him to all, and when his demise came every member of the body felt that he had suffered a per-

sonal loss.

For many years Mr. Davis served as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and In that capacity and in the capacity of a member of the Paris Peace Commission he was intimately identified with the foreign affairs of the Govern-

ment.
Immediately upon the conclusion of the routine morning business a resolution was called up by Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, expressive of sympathy with the family of the late Senster Davis.

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The speakers of the occasion included Senators Morgan, of Alabama; Clark, of Wyoming; Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Daniel, of Virginia, all of whom were associated with Mr. Davis as members of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Others who prenounced eulogies upon the late Senator were his colleagues; Senator Nelson, of Minnesocs, and his successor, Senator Towne, and Senators Hoar, of Massachusetts, Spooner, of Wisconsin; McCumber, of North Dakota; Foster, of Washington, and Pettigrew, of South Dakota.

South bekota.

In recent years in the Senate no more beautiful, heartfelt and elaquent eulogies have been pronounced upon the memory of any Senator than those delivered today. Mr. Davis' peculiarly close associa-tions with members on both sides of the chamber endeared him to all, and, with-out regard to political affiliations, he was held in high esteem by every member of

In the House.

(By Associated Press.)

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—After an hour spent in routine business, during the course of which several bills of minor importance were passed, the House devoted to-day to a continuation of the debate upon the river and harbor appropriation bill, which was interrupted yesterday by private bill day. The main feature was an elaborate speech by Mr. Catchings of Mississippl, in defense of the improvement of the lower Missis appl River.

Mr. Catchings retires from the House March 4, after 14 years of service, during several of which he was dialrman of the River and Harbor Committee, and during all of which he has been the especial champion of the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi. His speech to-day was in the nature of a valedetory. It received marked attention, and at its conclusion Mr. Catchings was given an impressive personal availor. and at its conclusion Mr Catchings was given an impressive personal quation.

A bill was passed to change and fix the times for holding District and Circuit Courts in the northeastern division of the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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After transacting some business of minor importance, the House went into committee of the whole, and resumed the consideration of the river and furbor appropriation bill. Mr. Catchings, of Mississippi, a member of the committee, replied to the attack made by Mr. Herburn, of lowa, upon the Mississippi improvements, on Thursday, Mr. Catchings said he fual indulged the hope that before the retired from Congress Mr. Herburn would abandon his antagonism to appropriations for the Mississippi, "but after listening to his speech on Thursday," said Mr. Catchings, "I find that hope consigned to the limbo where lie the wreekage of other disappointments of my life."

Proceeding, Mr. Catchings denied that the commerce of the Mississippi was disappearing: its character had vastly changed from the other days, but its volume was as large as ever.

changed from the other days, but its vol-ume was as large as ever.

On conclusion, Mr. Catchings said that this would probably be the last time be-would address the House in behalf of the improvement of the lower Mississippi, which he had so much at heart. He was tumultuously applauded when he took his

eat. Mr. Small, of North Carolina, made an argument in behalf of the construction of the proposed Dismal Swamp Canal, pointing out the benefits to commerce and agriculture to be derived from such a

agriculture to be derived from such a waterway.

By unanimous consent general debate upon the bill was ordered closed at 2 o'clock on Monday.

At 4:40 P. M. the House adjourned until Monday.

LOWERED THE BRIDGE.

Workmen Substitute New Span While · the City Sleeps.

The level of the Richmond end of the Free Bridge was lowered several feet last night to permit the passage overhead of the new Chesapeake and Ohio viaduct. For several weeks the new portion of the Free Bridge has been in process of construction under the old bridge. Last night at 12 o'clock a large force of men might at 12 o clock a large lorce of men was put to work tearing away the old portion. The change will be completed and the bridge ready for travel by 6 o'clock this morning.

A picturesque sight it was to see this large force working away in the light of the great handless along the shore.

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Strikers Won. (By Associated Press.)

READING, PA., January 12.-The strike of the employes of the United Traction Company, which was inaugurated last Tuesday, come to an end to-day, the Board of Arbitrators having granted nearly every demand made by the strik-

HORRORS OF THE UGLY STORIES ARE LEAKING OUT

Touching Eulogies Pro- Crew of the Russie Be- Terrible Sanitary Condihaved Badly.

Debate on River and Harbor Bill Will The First Mate Enforced Authority at Revolver's Muzzle-

OFFICERS ALSO CRITICISED.

Accused of Scandalous Conduct and Surreptitiously Favoring Certain Passengers With More Than Their Allowance of Rations - A Mutiny Started.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 2.-Ugly stories are leaking out concerning the behavior of part ercw of the steamer Russie wrecked off Farallon, Bouches Du Rhone Monday, whose crew and passengers numbering 162 persons, were rescued by

outs from the shore yesterday. The Matin publishes an interview with passenger who said the conduct of some f the sallors was beneath contempt. The of the satiors was been contended to the satiors was been called the muzzle of a revolver, and was obliged to pass the nights with a laded revolver in its hand. These assertions are confirmed by two lady passengers. The other many contended to the satisfactory with the satisfactory wit passengers, adds the correspondent, while praising the officers maintained a signi-ticant silence regarding the seamen. A correspondent of the Echo de Paris al correspondent of the Echo de Paris al-icres that discord prevailed on board, in clasequence of the conduct of two women, vandeville artists, and certain other pas-sengers declaring that scandalous incl-dents occurred in the smoking-room be-tween them and some of the officers, in spite of the fact that all on board ap-peared to be on the threshold of death.

The correspondent adds:
"It is asserted the officers surreptitionsby favored these women, giving them an
unfair allowance of biscuits and oranges.
These rumors spread to the crew, who
seized on them as a pretext to start a
little mutiny.

Scamen refused to do duty, saying "Seamen refused to do duty, saying there was no longer any discipline on board and that in face of the common peril everyone had the right to save his own skin and that the common dunger reads all equal. Matters came to such a point that the first mate, after a refusal of obedience, was obliged to threaten the mutineers with a revolver. Order was restored, but not estirely, as the quarrel broke out anew on landing."

Fell Thirty Feet.

R. S. Haywood, of No. 2350 East Main Street, while at work on the Free Bridge last night was struck by a piece of tim-ber and fell thirty feet. He was badly bruised, but no bones were broken.

For Charlottesville, (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12,— Senator Martin to-day introduced a bill to appropriate \$109,000 for a public build-ing at Charlottesville.

GREAT DAY FOR DEEP RUN RIDERS

The Hounds Were Very Fast and Hunters Followed at a Great Pace.

Yesterday proved a great day for the Deep Run Funt Club riders, and the hound led the horse at a lively pace. The going was fearfully heavy and the horses showed it at the finish. The meet was at Rio Vista. The dogs

threw off in Ashburner's, and were away after the drag like lightning, taking the field over the first two jumps at steeple-chase speed. The 'in and out' on the hill was done nicely by the entire field. The dogs then skirted the woods on the hill to the road, where there was a break. They next threw off to the left of the road and ran parallel to it, then swung to the left, leading the field over a jump in the woods before getting to Bethlehem Church, which was topped by several horses, but no one came to grief. Then the course lay over the jump at Bethlehem Church, down the road towards the club. After following the drag through the woods they broke into the big clubogs then skirted the woods on the hill the woods they broke into the big club-house field in full cry. The pack, led by "Red" and Remus," who were running like the wind, swung wide and around the field and carried the huntsmen over he club-house jumps in good style to the

A great deal of the hunt was on the roads and through the woods, owing to the condition of the ground. In going through the woods several pink coats

came to grief.

Those who followed the hounds were the master, Mr. H. C. Beattie, on St. Victor: Mrs. Andrew Christian, on Esket; Miss Blacker, on one of her hunters; Miss Claudia Palmer, on Jim; Mr. McGrann, of Pennsylvania, on Mr. Anderson's hunter Titwillow, who jumped nicely; Mr. Schoeld, on (Mr. Freeman's hunter Bill; Mr. Allan Potts, on Brunette; Mr. Andrew Christian, on Modoc; Mr. Matthews, on Christian, on Moder, Mr. Matthews, on Matthews, on Matthews, on Mr. Clark, Mr. Milton Croxton, Lewis Croxton, Dr. Jos. White, on Gamecock, Mr. Spencer Carter, on Mulvaney; Mr. Hicks, on Lynchburg; Robt. Tritton, Jot Anderson, Geo, Walton, The Whip and others. and others.

Among those at the club-house who saw the dogs come in were: Miss Anne Tennant, Mr. Fletcher, of Newark, N. J.; Mr. Beavor-Webb, of New York; Mr. Rice, of New York; W. C. Preston, E. T. D. Myers, Jr., L'eutenant Davis, Thomas Bolling, Mr. Paccal Davie, Jno. K. Branch, Langhorne Putney, Mr. Jno. P. Branch, Mr. Jake Anderson, L. C. Younger, S. W. Travers: Mrs. Allan Potts, Miss Eda Atkinson, Miss Chrestine Atkinson, of Baltimore; Mrs. Susie Joynes, Mrs. F. T. D. Muse, Ir. Miss Frances Myers, Miss. Baltimore: Mrs. Susie Joynes, Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Miss Frances Myers, Miss Patterson, Miss Julia Joynes, Miss Virginia Lassier, Mrs. Jno. S. Williams, Miss March, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Miss Ellle Bosher, Mrs. Borden, of North Carolina; Mr. Frank Christian, Miss Holson, of Pemberton, Va.; Mr. John Walker, P. L. Meanly, Mr. Doyle, C. W. Branch, F. Al. Davenport, Mr. Chas, Sinclair, of Baltimore.

STATE PRISON

tions That Exist.

Fertile Field for Kennan Right Here in Richmond.

AUTHORITIES' VAIN APPEAL.

All the Officials Join In Urging the Importance of Establishing Better Facilities for the Care of Virginia's Wards, Though Criminals.

George Kennan need have no fear of unning out of a subject. At least, so say those who have taken the trouble to inform themselves as to the conditions which obtain at the Virginia penitentiary. When the public tires of the atrocities of the Siberian convict system and the distresses and troubles of Cuba no longer interest, we are told the noted lecturer would do well to book dates for a yeeum tour of lectures on the condition of the prison here in our own Richmond. A movement to bring to the attention of the public the state of affairs at this institution has been inaugurated. There will be a meeting to-morrow afternoon to lraw up a paper and petition to the Legislature on the subject, which will be generally circulated throughout the State. It is believed that the public has only to be informed of the facts in the case to be so aroused on the subject that the Legislature will move, and move quickly in the matter.

Those interested in this movement state Those interested in this movement state that the trouble is simply that the cell room in the prison is entirely and altogether inadequate for the number of men therein confined. Consequently there is a condition of over-crowding which results in a state of affairs, which a well known lawyer of Richmond, who has known the penitentiary well and long, when seen yesterday stated could match anything the convict prisons of Siberia have to offer.

WHAT HE GETS. WHAT HE GETS.

WHAT HE GETS.

Scientists tell us that a healthy man requires 1600 cubic feet of space, that is, a room measuring, say, 16 by 10 by 19.

Yesterday there were 111 male prisoners in the prison. There are only 192 cells in the male prison. The condition of overcrowding in these cells is necessarily fearful. For instance, to select a few cells at random: Cell No. 159 measures 24 feet in length, 29 feet 9 inches in whith, and 10 feet 3 inches in height. It therefore contains 5101 cubic feet. Last night there were confined in it 29 men. This allows an average of 176 cubic feet per man, or about one-sixth the amount which specialists say is absolutely necessary. Cell No. 159 measures 14 feet 10 inches by 13 feet 9 inches by 9 feet in height. It, therefore, 169 measures 14 feet 10 inches by 13 feet 9 inches by 9 feet in height. It, therefore, contains 1836 cubic feet. In it last night 12 men were confined, which allows an average space of 153 cubic feet, or about one-seventh the amount said to be necessary. To take one more instance—these are selected at random and show the

AWFUL CONDITIONS.

Cell No. 40 measures 8 feet 3 inches by 6 feet 5 inches by 9 feet in height. It therefore contains 482 cubic feet of space, about the amount usually allowed an overcoat or two and a pair of rubber shoes, less than half necessary for one man. Last night it contained four mea, which meant an average allowance per man of 120 cubic feet of space, or less than one-eighth the amount necessary. than one-eighth the amount necessary.
In connection with this subject it is to be remembered that there is no critidism or fault found with the officials or their or fault forms with the affairs of the prison administration of the affairs of the prison. All agree that they are doing their very best in view of the awful conditions which surround them. There is also no criti cism of the female portion of the prison which is amply adequate for all require

The trouble is simply that there is not The trouble is simply that there is not enough room for the men. The establishment of the State farm has helped and the establishment of the conditional pardon system has helped, but the conditions, we are told, are still of a character which cannot be described in the public press.

Dr. Charles V. Carrington, the surrecur cannot be described in the public press.
Dr. Charles V. Carrington, the surgeon of the penitentiary, states in his recent annual report to the Governor that he "could write a volume upon the horrors of the badly ventilated, fifthy cells, and the inhumanity of crowding men in them." In speaking of the "fearful over-crowding," he states that "this horrible condition of affairs necessarily induces a state of the condition of affairs necessarily induces

condition of anairs necessarily induces crime and disease."

Superintendent Helms, in his report, dwells upon the need of more cell room, and states that "the conditions are such that the only relief must be in the enlargement of the buildings."

The report of the Board of Directors is equally emphatic on this subject.

AS TO THE COST. The movers in this matter call attention to the fact that the penitentiary would in four or five years build a building for it-

Some fifteen years ago the penitentiary est the State about \$75,000 a year. It now

turns into the treasury of the State about \$10,000 net profit every year.

There is no system of sewerage at the pententiary, and the unsanitary condi-tion resulting from this beggars all de-scription. Those who are skeptical as to whether, at our own doors there is such a disgrace upon the fair name of Virginia, are invited to go and see. Afterwards the are invited to go and see. Afterwards the sufferings of the Cuban reconcentradoes in the days of the Weyler regime will be tame reading in comparison, we are toki. A leading circuit judge of Virginia, than whom none stands higher in the State, when seen yesterday, stated that should a private individual or corporation conduct an establishment in the style in which Virginia conducts her penitentiary. The matter would be in the criminal which virginia conducts her pentitating. The matter would be in the criminal courts at once.

Is the condition of the penitentiary a disgrace to our State? It is said a visit to our institution will be helpful in com-

to our institution will be neighble in coming to a correct view of the matter.

The organizers of this movement believe that inhumanity and suffering here in Richmond will move Richmond and Virginia as much as does similar inhumanity and suffering the found in the common of the com inity and suffering when found in the

manity and suffering when found in the uttermost ends of the earth.

Is the time coming when the condition of the Virginia penitentiary will be the subject of indignation meetings in Cuba? Some think the cities of Siberia may

some day have stereopticon lectures on SIGNALS FROM what goes on in far-away Richmond.

THE GRIP IN NEW YORK.

The Dispensaries and Hospitals are Crowded. (By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The wet weather of the past three days has increased the number of cases of grip. All the hospitals are congested and some have notified the Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor to send no more cases.

The dispensaries are crowded from morning till night, and an extra force is at work preparing enough mixtures and prescriptions for the grip. The total number of cases of all kinds in Bellevue today is \$40-ten less than were in the hospital yesterday.

Superintendent George Blair, of the Outdoor Poor Department, who has charge of the sending of patients to all the charity hospitals, said that all the hospitals in the city were filled.

All the private hospitals report to him that they are crowded. The Institutions having as a specialty the treatment of pulmonary diseases are turning away applicants.

THE CONTRACT LET. Mr. Maynard to Build New Plant of

the Wheel Works. Mr. Ed. Maynard, a brick contractor of this city, was awarded the contract on yesterday by J. W. McMahon, presi-

on yesterday by J. W. McMathon, president of the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel works, to construct their new plant. Mr. Maynard will begin work on the new building to-morrow morning. The plant will consist of four buildings, all one story and of brick. The main building will be 160x50 feet; the dry house, 22x50 feet; the botter house, 30x30 feet, and the engine rooms, 30x34 feet.

Superintendent Curtis, the newly elected superintendent Curtis, the newly elected superintendent, had a number of men at work all the week clearing away the debris and digging the foundation for the new buildings, which will be rushed to completion in order to commence work as soon as possible.

PRESIDENT BETTER.

Sat Up and Walked About His Room Yesterday.

Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The President is now making rapid progress toward repovery. He sat up for a short time list evening and to-day he walked about the room several times.

The invitations to the diplomatic dinner the part Wednesday evening have been next Wednesday evening have been

NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE.

Bill Introduced in the House by Pear-

son, of North Carolina, sou, of North Carolina.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In the House to-day Mr. Pearson, of North Carolina, introduced a bill empowering the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase land suited to the purpose of a national forest reserve in the Appalachlan mountains within the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, not to exceed in extent 2,000,000 acres. Five million tollars is appropriated for the purchase.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

Indications are Favorable to an Aceeptance.

(By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Official information has reached the State Department to the effect that the Hay-Paunce-fote treaty, as amended by the United States Senate, is now under consideration by the British Cabinet officers.

There is no intimation at hand as to the probable result of the conference now going on, although there is a pervailing feeling that the indications are favorable to an acceptance.

R. B. SEYMOUR HAS RESIGNED

Chief Engineer of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Will Return to the West.

Mr. Robert B. Seymour, chief engineer of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railway (First Division of the Seaboard Air Line), has tendered his resignation. Though Mr. Seymour could not be seen has, night, it is understoon that the resast night, it is understoon that the res-ignation is to become effective February st. Mr. Seymour resigns to accept the oscion of thef engineer of a Western

At the time when he was secured to At the time when he was scened to take charge of the work on this portion of the Scaboard system, Mr. Seymour was assistant engineer of the Michigan Central, with headquarters in Chicago, where he had, for fifteen years, been identified with the work on the construction of the great terminals there, and with other railway enterprises of magnitude. Prev-

railway enterprises of magnitude. Previously he had been connected with the Northern Pacific.

The work on the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad was begun in March, 1895, and in the month following Mr. Seymour assumed the office of Chief Engineer of the road. He is a min of recognized ability, and occupies a most control of pacific or in the railway engineer engineer. enviable position in the railway engineer-ing world, despite the fact that he is a

ing world, despite the fact that he is a comparatively young man.

Mr. Seymour made a proud record for himself as the engineer in charge of the building of the Chicago Junction Bet in the control of which were Line, an enterprise the cost of which was nore than \$18,000,000. At the time these extensive improvements. Mr. Sey-mour was connected with the Michigan Central. While in charge of the work here Mr.

Seymour has made a most enviable record. He personally superintended the work of construction which artests his engineering skill. Mr. Seymour has made many friends here who will regret ty-learn of his decision to leave Richmond

learn of h's decision to leave Richmond for other fields.

The C. and O. Railroad has just placed an order with Carnegie for eight thousand tons of steel rails for use on the eastern and western divisions of the system. The terms of the contract call for the delivery of two thousand tons monthly, beginning with March.

The C. and O. also let another contract for two thousand five hundred tons of heavy rails a few days ago, thus making over ten thousand tons that will soon be put down.

put down. be put down.

Mr. M. K. King, of Norfolk, general manager of the Norfolk and Southern, was a visitor at the office of President Stevens of the C. and O.

Denman Thompson and his company

left in a special car over the Southern last night for Atlanta. There are about I people in the party.

The estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for first week in January, 1901, 1604,281; increase \$66,251.

ANOTHER WORLD

Unintelligible Messages From Some Planet.

KITE THE RECEIVER.

Extended Experiments Made by Wilflam A. Eddy.

BOTH REGULAR AND IRREGULAR.

Mr. Eddy Has Been Trying to Decipher These Signals, Which He Belleves Come From Some Outer Planet-So Far He Has Been Unsuccessful,

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—William A. Edd of Bayonne, N. Y., says that since 1892 thas drawn from his kite wire hundreds of electric signals, both regular and inof electric signals, both regular, which may have come from some planet and that the signals have been usually in groups of three, regularly timed like a Morse sounder. When the ends of the kite, sustained steel wires, are separated by silk strands, the sparks jump at twelve second intervals. Then there are mysterious disappearances of all electric action for several minutes. of all electric action for several minutes.

These electric sparks come from a high
point in the air not fear to the low ten-

sion electric currents of trolley and live CAREFUL MEASUREMENTS.

Mr. Eddy is about to begin a series of careful measurements of these spark lengths. He does not believe that the Morse sounders affect his wire because the dynamo electricity sticks to its wire and does not radiate to unknown dis tances, so far as known, as do the high tension sparks used in wireless tele-graphy, and the same high tension sparks

drawn by him from the clouds.

Mr. Eddy says that these spark signals may come from an outer planet because electricity travels at the rate of 20,000 miles a second and is as tireless as light, which travels 188,200 miles a second as measured by a rapidly revolving toothed wheel.

Great variability in effect is produced when there is apparently no change what-ever in the condition of the upper air, so far as known.

Mr. Eddy has been trying to decipher these signals since IS2. It is also to be noted that Tesla's signals come from Pike's Peak and at a high point in the air. Mr. Eddy points out that electricity is superior to light because an interruption can be transmitted, while light suffises around a dark shadow, and espectives. fuses around a dark shadow, and espec-ially if the shadow is of small diameter.

THE GRANT'S BURDEN.

Brought 408 Dead From Across the

Pacific. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The transport
Grant, which recently arrived at San
Francisco, brought the remains of 468 offloers, soldiers and civilian employes who ded in the Philippines, China and Ha-waiian Islands. More than half of this number have been claimed by relatives for burial. The remainder will be interred in the National Cemetery at the Presidio, California, with full military honors.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

Provisions At Famine Prices At Circle City, Alaska,

City, Alaska,

(By Associated Press.)

VICTORIA E. C., Jan. 12.—According to telegrams which reached Skaguay prior to the suiling of the steamer Danube, there is a food shortage at Circle City and on the lower Yukon, amounting almost to a famine in certain commodities. Flour is held at \$15 per suck and is purchasable only from men with outfits, the stores having run out. Polatoes, bacon, sugar and rice are unobtainable at any price.

VIOLENT ATTACK.

Von Posadowsky Wehner's Name Connected With Finance Scandal,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 12—In the Reichstag today Herr Fischer, Social-Democrat, seizea
the opportunity of the debate on the
Home Office estimates to make a violent
attack on Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the recent 12,000 marks scandai (that amount having been contributed by certain manufacturers for the further-ance of the anti-strike bill). He proposed the appointment of a Parliamentary Commission to investigate the political and financial relations between the Home Office and the Central Union of German Manufacturers and other organizations.

Not Confirmed.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 12.—Nothing is known LONDON, Jan. 12.—Nothing is anowh here to confirm the Paris report published in the United States that ex-President Kruger is seriously ill and in danger. He had practically recovered from his illness January 9th, when his physicians ceased issuing bulletins regarding his health.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local. -R. B. Seymour resigns from Seaboard.
-Horrible condition of the Virginia State penitentiary.
-After McNeal's requisition.
-Governor Tyler improving.
-Clay Ward Actives meet.
-Sunday in the churches.

State. A million-dollar dry goods company in Petersburg. W. Sublett run over at Lynchburg and his legs cut off.

Another legal action in the Newport
News police muddle, in which Richmond
lawyers take a hand.

General. —Seven at least killed in panic in amuse-ment hall in Chicago.
—Senate devoted day to eulogies to late Cushman K. Davis.
—General debate on river and harbor bill will close in House on Monday.
—The President continues to improve.

Uriy stories aftoat of behavior of officers and crew of the Russie.

-Chinese envoys said to have been ordered to sign note.

-Russian Minister denies that Russia
has broken faith with Powers.

-German court festivities to be on an
unusually claborate scale.

Foreign.

lectares that the report of cession